

To : Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

From : Gerry Hyland, Supervisor
Mount Vernon District

Subject: **BOARD MATTERS for October 20, 2015**

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For your consideration, I submit the following Board Matters accompanied by a brief explanation. Your support will be appreciated.

- 1. Request for Wastewater Management Staff to Explore Adjusted Billings for Certain Water Intensive Commercial Operations**
- 2. Request to Commend the Work of Two Animal Control Officers for their Response in Mount Vernon**

1. Request for Wastewater Management Staff to Explore Adjusted Billings for Certain Water Intensive Commercial Operations

Background

A business owner in the Mount Vernon District recently reached out to my office to seek assistance with a wastewater billing problem. Commercial businesses are billed for sewer use based on water consumption. However, there are some water intensive businesses whose water consumption does not reflect the amount of wastewater going down the drain. This business owner operates a brewery. After consulting with staff, there are likely several other businesses whose water intensive operations from the tap do not contribute a similar quantity of water into our wastewater stream. Our several breweries, one winery and a water bottling plant all fall into this category. Some businesses separately meter their water for use in cooling towers or for agricultural uses. However, the cost of a dedicated separate water meter can be prohibitive for some smaller businesses. Given that Fairfax County's billing methodology should be accurate, fair and consistent, I believe staff should explore this matter and return to the Board of Supervisors with their recommendations. *(Perhaps they should hop to it before someone wines about it.)*

Proposed Action

Therefore, Madam Chairman, I ask, with unanimous consent, that the Board of Supervisors direct the County Executive and Director of Public Works and Environmental Services to explore this issue and return to the Board with their recommendations.

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How does Moses make his beer? Hebrews it!

2. Request to Commend the Work of Two Animal Control Officers for their Response in Mount Vernon

Background

Yesterday, I received an e-mail from a constituent who commended the professionalism and patience of two Animal Control Officers for their efforts to capture a very sick feral kitten out from under the property owner's shed so they could get it veterinary care. ACO Lugo and Salzano's conduct so impressed my constituent that they took the time to write in about it. As my colleagues know, our public safety personnel, including our Animal Control Officers are put in dangerous situations every day and comport themselves in such a way that serves to be an example to our residents and are in keeping highest standards of Fairfax County. Congratulations and thank you ACOs Lugo and Salzano!

Proposed Action

Therefore, Madam Chairman, I ask, with unanimous consent, that the attached e-mail and a letter of commendation be put in the two officers' personnel file

Board Matter Pun

